(c) what action has been taken by Government to dispose these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Presilent's Police Medal for gallantry and the Police Medal for gallantry are awarded for the conspicuous acts of gallantry. The President's Police Medal for distinguished service and the Police Medal for meritorious service are awarded on the basis of specific distinguished/meritorious record of police service characterised by resource and devotion to duty, including prolonged service of ability and merit. The Police (Special Duty) Medal is conferred to recognise under conditions of particular hardship and/or severe cdimate. The Prime Minister's Police Medal for Life Saving is awarded in recognition of the out Standing work done in saving human life.

(b) and (c) A few representations/protests are received after the announcement of the awards. Prompt action is taken on such communications according to the prescribed procedure.

3910. [*Transferred to the 18th August, 1992*]

3902. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bodo Security Force has built up arsenal and sophisticated foreign marked arms with the help of insurgent outfits operating on the Indo-Burma border as reported in the Times of India of July 23, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the report carried by the Times of India. According to the available information, the Bodo Security Force has precured some quantity of sophisticated weapons from clandestine sources including other militant outfits.

(c) Security forces have intensified their patrolling and surveillance. The intelligence machinery has also been geared up for collection of specific and advance intelligence to check the inffow of arms. According to the State Govt., these measures have resulted in arrest of over 60 activists and recovery of sophisticated weapons, bombs and ammunitions.

Appointment of compassionate grounds

3903. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the standing order in Central para-military forces, wife/son/daughter or a near relative of a deceased Government employees who dies in harness, is appointed to a post in Government service on compassionate grounds in relaxation of normal recruitment rules;

(b) whether a married daughter is also considered for a job particularly in a case where there is no other member in the family suitable or eligible for such an employment; and

(c) if not, what are the grounds for making a discrimination between a married son and a married daughter and what steps Government propose to take in such cases to ensure that family of the deceased Government servant does not face starvation in the absence of an earning member in the family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF

STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Under the Scheme of compassionate appointments, which is in vogue in Central Govt., son or daughter or near relative of a deceased employee of the Central Para-Military Forces, who dies in harness can be appointed to Group 'C' and 'D' posts on compassionate grounds in relaxation of the provision contained in the Recruitment Rules for such posts, if the conditions prescribed in the said scheme are fulfilled in his or her case.

(b) and (c) There is no discrimination between a married son and a married danghter in matters of such compassionate appointments.

Benefits of Fourth Pay Commission to Doctors of Central Police Organisation

3904. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors of Central Police Organisation have not been given so far the benefit of Fourth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these benefits are likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The doctors of Central Police Organisations have been given the benefit of recommendations of the Fourth P: Commission except the recommendation contained in para 10.259 regarding their career prospects. Implementation of this recommendation is under consideration and a decision is erpected to be taken shortly.

Cell to find solution to Ayodhya Tangle

3905. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Cell has been constituted to find a solution to the Ayodhya tangle;

(b) if so, the composition of the Cell; and

(c) the specific tasks assigned to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) A Cell consisting of three Joint Secretaries has been established in the Prime Minister's Office to provide such assistance to the Prime Minister in dealing with the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute as required. In addition a Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister has been appointed to coordinate the work relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute.

Amendment of criminal procedure Code

3906. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for amending an updating the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code regulating the determination and grant of maintenance to married women in view of the inadequacy of the amount to sustain a life with dignity and the delay that often takes place in payment thereof; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not what steps are being contemplated to mitigate the hardships to the women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACIB): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration of the Government.